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SUBJ: SOVIETS REQUEST SHIP REPAIR FACILITIES IN
NAPLES

REF: ROME 3665 AND PREVIOUS

DEPARTMENT PREFERS NOT RPT NOT TO PRESENT NOTE VERBALE
TO FOREIGN MINISTRY ON THIS SUBJECT, AT LEAST AT THIS
STAGE, SINCE A WRITTEN COMMUNICATION COULD MORE EASILY
BE CONSTRUED AS AN UNWARRANTED INTERFERENCE. NEITHER ARE
WE ABLE AT PRESENT TO REPRESENT ALLIED VIEWS. INSTEAD,
EMBASSY SHOULD REPLY ORALLY TO MALFATTI ALONG FOLLOWING
LINES:

-- AS YOU KNOW FROM AMBASSADOR GARDNER'S DISCUSSIONS WITH
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THE DEFENSE MINISTER AND YOURSELF, AMBASSADOR RYZHOV'S
APPROACH TO THE FARNESINA AND HIS ACTIVITIES IN NAPLES
HAVE ATTRACTED ATTENTION AND MILD CONCERN.

-- WE SHARE YOUR VIEW THAT ANY EXPANSION OF SOVIET
MERCHANT FLEET TRAFFIC IN PORTS USED BY ITALIAN OR
ALLIED NAVAL VESSELS WOULD NOT RPT NOT BE DESIRABLE.

-- WE TRUST YOU WILL KEEP US CLOSELY INFORMED OF DEVELOPMENTS, INCLUDING ANY SPECIFIC PROPOSALS SUBMITTED BY RYZHOV OR ANOTHER.

-- IN THE CASE OF FURTHER INQUIRIES BY THE SOVIETS, IT WOULD BE ENTIRELY NORMAL TO SEEK ALLIED VIEWS AND POSSIBLY-APPLICABLE PRECEDENTS BY RAISING THE MATTER AT NATO. CHRISTOPHER

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